

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-272-C)

PATENT

In application of:

Johnson et al.

Serial No. To be assigned
as a divisional of 09/805,804 filed 3-31-01

For: Shaft Locking Device for Bearing Assemblies

Before the Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to make the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all claims except 1, 10, 15, 16 and 25-31.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, before line 2, please insert the following:

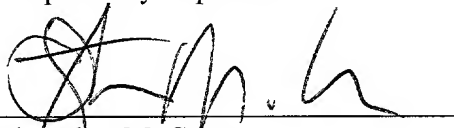
--This is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/805,804 filed
filed March 13, 2001, set to issue soon.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment cancels the claims which were elected for prosecution in the
parent applications. The remaining claims are directed to the non-elected species.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

December 18, 2001


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